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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: ETRD, MTN,

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF STR DENT FOR MTN DISCUSSIONS

1. IN VIEW OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF LDC'S IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR FREDERICK B. DENT, THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IS PLANNING TO VISIT KEY LDC COUNTRIES TO CONSULT ON MTN ISSUES. WE PROPOSE VISIT BY AMBASSADOR DENT TO YUGOSLAVIA, EGYPT, INDIA AND INDONESIA IN A PERIOD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 22 AND OCTOBER 2. POST RESPONSES REQUESTED BY AUGUST 7, CONCERNING APPROPRIATENESS OF DENT VISIT TO HOST COUNTRY IN THIS TIME FRAME.

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2. PURPOSE OF THE VISITS WOULD BE TO CONSULT WITH KEY

OFFICIALS IN HOST GOVERNMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR MTN POLICIES, THEREBY IMPROVING OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO THE MTN, ITS POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING TRADE WORLDWIDE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HOST COUNTRIES. WE HOPE TO USE THE TRIP TO ENHANCE SUPPORT BY HOST GOVERNMENTS FOR OUR BASIC OBJECTIVES IN THE MTN AND IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY GENERALLY. WE WILL EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING RAPID PROGRESS IN THE MTN SO WE CONCLUDE BY THE END OF 1977. WE EXPECT TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO MTN ISSUES OF INTEREST TO LDC'S E.G., TROPICAL PRODUCTS, SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND GATT REFORM. DENT WOULD BE

PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY IMPORTANT BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES WHICH MAY BE OF CONCERN TO HOST COUNTRIES BUT WOULD HOPE TO AVOID LAUNDRY LIST TYPE AGENDA IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN FOCUS ON MTN.

3. DECISION ON COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE DEGREE OF INTEREST IN HAVING SUCH A VISIT IN HOST COUNTRIES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTS WHERE DENT PROPOSES TO VISIT SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AND ASCERTAIN THEIR RECEPΤIVITY TO THE PROPOSED VISIT AND TIMING AND ANY GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO THEM. EMBASSY INDICATIONS WHERE LOCAL APPEARANCES WOULD BE HELPFUL (E.G. USIA PROGRAMS, CHAMBER PRESENTATIONS, PRESS CONFERENCES) WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. FOR ASEAN POSTS: IN VIEW CLOSE COORDINATION AMONG ASEAN COUNTRIES ON MTN ISSUES WE WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF MEETING WITH ASEAN COUNTRIES AS A GROUP IN JAKARTA AND IF SUCH MEETING ADVISABLE HOW TO GO ABOUT INITIATING IT. POSSIBILITY EXISTS FOR A SHORT STOPOVER IN SINGAPORE ALSO.

6. FOR CAIRO: ALTHOUGH U.S.-EGYPTIAN TRADE IS OF MODEST PROPORTIONS (APART FROM AID/PL 480 - FINANCED TRANSACTIONS), EGYPTIAN REP IN GENEVA HAS PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN MTN AND EGYPT IS LEADING ARAB PARTICIPANT.

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7. FOR ISLAMABAD: IN VIEW OF TIME CONSIDERATION AND FACT THAT PAKISTANI REP IN GENEVA HAS NOT PLAYED LEADING ROLE IN MTN, TO DATE, PAKISTAN IS NOT INCLUDED IN ITINERARY. IF EMBASSY VIEWS VISIT BY AMBASSADOR DENT AS MEANS OF INFLUENCING GOP POSITION ON MTN IN LIGHT OF RECENT ACTIVIST ROLE OF PAKISTAN IN OTHER MULTILATERAL FORA, POST RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. KISSINGER

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